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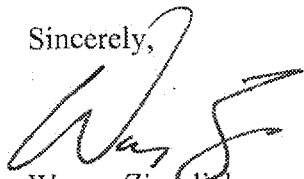
RE: Docket #EPA-HQ-ORD-2013-0189

To Whom It May Concern:

Coeur Alaska (Coeur) is writing to urge the EPA from taking further action on the Revised Bristol Bay Assessment (BBA). The State agencies have in place established methods to permit projects which provide more than sufficient environmental safeguards though out the permitting process. Until a plan and permit applications have been submitted and the NEPA process initiated, it is premature to make any assumptions concerning the effects a project may or may not have on the environment. The assessment and potential actions would undermine existing regulatory processes and set a dangerous precedent for future projects.

Along with the Governor and congressional delegation, Coeur supports due process and fair consideration of the project. The State Attorney General has asked the EPA to stop its work on the assessment process until there is a permit application in front of the federal government. Coeur agrees that this is essential not to undermine existing regulatory processes and would prevent setting a dangerous precedent for future projects.

Sincerely,



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